

other computers. Schools and patrons could access the library collections at these public resource libraries by simply connecting with the library's computer through a modem. Libraries could call other libraries in this group and connect and access titles in their collection, speeding up the interlibrary loan process greatly. It would be like one computer calling another one on the phone. This could only serve to maximize the resources our libraries have to offer. I have passed out a sheet outlining how we envision the libraries implementing this appropriation over the four-year period and where their matching funds would come from. This program would operate just like a grant program for these libraries to be administered by the Library Commission. The appropriation from the state would be for only one-quarter of each library's project. The Kiewit Foundation has already committed to provide an additional quarter of the funding should the state be able to appropriate funds. Each library would be required to fund the rest of the funding necessary for the project locally. The order of the libraries on the handout, does everybody have their handout? Is everybody reading their handout? The order of the libraries on the handout were determined by assessing the technical ability at the moment to automate combined with the firmness of the local financial commitment to the project. The Library Commission would only grant each library their allocation once they have demonstrated they have secured the local portion of their funding and that they are logistically ready to automate. With that I would be happy to answer any questions that I can and I would ask for your support on this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. I will now recognize senators wishing to speak to this amendment. Senator Wesely. Okay. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, I rise reluctantly to oppose Senator Robak's amendment, not that I'm in any way, shape or form going to argue about whether or not this is a good program and there would be some benefit to the State of Nebraska. Only bring you up-to-date on the committee's activity on this issue. There was...at a time in the process when the committee had, there is something called the Nebraska Film Service in the Nebraska Library Commission, one of the ideas the committee floated at one point in time was to eliminate the Nebraska Film Service and shift those funds towards this worthwhile project. Obviously what happened at that juncture in time is a variety of